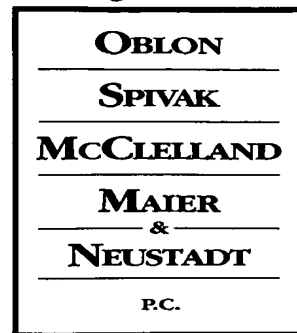




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/832,281; 08/262,754; and  
10/277,630

Applicants: C. DOUGLASS THOMAS

Filing Date: 10/22/02; 06/20/94; AND 10/22/02  
(RESPECTIVELY)

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING....

Group Art Unit: 2316

Examiner: HECKLER

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**37 CFR 1.291 Protest (re Thomas's 09/832,281 Application)**

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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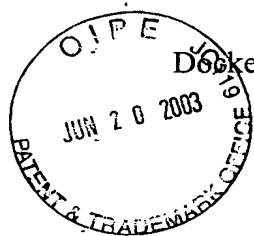
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**37 CFR 1.291 Protest**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

**I. 37 CFR 1.291(a) Preamble**

This is a public protest against any application claiming the benefit of the filing date of application serial No. 08/262,754.

**II. 37 CFR 1.291(a)(1)**

The protest is timely because the application identified above is pending.

**III. 37 CFR 1.291(a)(2)**

As indicated by the certificate of service accompanying this protest, a copy of this protest is being served upon the applicants in accordance with 37 CFR 1.248.

#### **IV. 37 CFR 1.291(b)**

The undersigned has filed a 37 CFR 1.607 request for an interference with patent Nos. 5,752,011; 5,974,557; 6,216,235; and 6,487,668. Patent No. 5,752,011 matured from application serial No. 08/262,754, and each of the three other patents matured from a successive continuation of that application. The application identified above claims priority from application serial No. 08/262,754. Accordingly, this application should be handled in conformity with MPEP § 2315.01. That is, prosecution should continue in the normal course unless the examiner determines that one or more claims in it is or are drawn to the same patentable invention within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.601(n) as the claims which are the subject of the 37 CFR 1.607 request. If the examiner makes that determination, he or she should give the applicants the opportunity (1) to cancel that claim or those claims, (2) to persuade the examiner that that claim or those claims is or are not drawn to the same patentable invention as the claims which are the subject of the 37 CFR 1.607 request, or (3) to amend that claim or those claims and to persuade the examiner that the amended claim or claims is or are not drawn to the same patentable invention as the claims which are the subject of the 37 CFR 1.607 request. If the applicants do not do any of the foregoing, the examiner should (1) suspend action on this application until a decision is made whether or not to declare the interference and (2) if a decision is made to declare the interference, either (a) suspend action on this application pending the outcome of the interference or (b) forward the file of this application to the board with a recommendation that this application be added to the interference.

The application in which the undersigned filed the 37 CFR 1.607 request is assigned to Examiner Broda in Art Unit 2136. Accordingly, the undersigned suggests that, if this application is not assigned to Examiner Broda, the examiner coordinate

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**V. 37 CFR 1.56**

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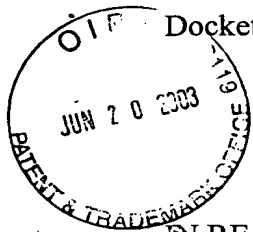
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